

# Budget deficit slashed

June became the third million-dollar-month in missions giving for Mississippi Baptists this year when the total for gifts through the Cooperative Program for the state reached \$1,167,917, according to Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This brought the total for the year to \$6,130,782, which is still \$196,718 short of the budget figure for six months, Kelly pointed out. This is the first time in Mississippi Baptist history, however, that missions gifts have averaged more than \$1 million per month for the first half of the year, he noted.

The June missions income also makes sizeable inroads into the \$310,050 budget deficit that was experienced at the end of May. The monthly pro rata budget figure is \$1,054,583.

June gifts were \$113,334 above the budget figure and \$482,006 more than for the same month of 1980, Kelly said. This is due to a great extent to the fact that many churches were not able to get May gifts into the Convention Board offices during that month because the month ended on Sunday, he noted.

The income for the year has been \$574,115 more than the \$5,558,667 of last year for an increase of 10.3 percent.

"To meet the challenge of witnessing to the entire world in times of such high costs takes a great amount of money," Kelly said. "It is gratifying that Mississippi Baptists would recognize the seriousness of a budget shortage in the face of the need for such a witness and would take steps to provide a remedy," he added.

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## Paul Montgomery goes to Home Mission Board

Paul Montgomery Jr., minister of education for First Baptist Church in Tupelo, has resigned to become associate director of the church loans division for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board based in Atlanta.

Montgomery submitted his resignation during Sunday services at the Tupelo church after being elected to the national post by the Home Mission Board directors meeting in San Antonio, Tex., two weeks ago.

A native of Laurel, Miss., Montgomery, 46, will assist the Home Mission Board Church Loans Division in the western United States, processing applications from churches for loans from the Home Mission Board for new church sites and construction. He will be responsible for church loans work to the farthest reaches of the world just as quickly as possible and certainly before the end of the century, as is our goal."

Montgomery will assume the position in Atlanta effective Sept. 1.

## First Surinam crusade nets 77 decisions

PARAMARIBO, Surinam — The first evangelistic crusade ever in Surinam, South America, recently resulted in 77 decisions, including 23 professions of faith, rededications and requests for prayer.

Southern Baptist missionaries James and Zelma Foster of Mississippi organized the crusade.

Jim and Betty Adams Webb, Oklahoma, and Mike and Lucille Tarnawski, Texas, came to Paramaribo, Surinam, to preach, sing, and counsel in the services.

The crusade and the visitors received wide coverage in four newspapers, on television and on radio.

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## \$10 million for construction

# HMB elects Banks, sets up church bonds subsidiary

By Jim Newton

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (BP)—Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board elected Bob Banks, an executive of the SBC Brotherhood Commission, as associate to the president and named 11 persons to the board of a new subsidiary corporation to issue church bonds.

In other action, directors elected four other staff members, including a director of payroll and employee benefits, associate directors of the language missions and church loans divisions and an assistant director of Mission Service Corps.

Banks, 50, Royal Ambassador division director for the Brotherhood Commission, will become associate to HMB President William G. Tanner effective Aug. 15.

Eleven directors were named to the board of a newly created subsidiary corporation, the H.M.B. Service Corp., which will be authorized to service church bond issues in most of the 50 states. The board also approved an indemnity agreement with Aetna Casu-

alty and Surety Co. to protect the bonds from loss.

Board members were told by the church loans committee that the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Los Angeles also approved a proposal that the church loans division join with the SBC Stewardship Commission in a campaign to raise \$10 million for new church building construction.

Both the bond issue program and the fund campaign are part of the Home Mission Board's Bold Mission Thrust efforts to increase the total number of SBC churches to 50,000 by the year

2000. Financing of new church buildings in today's economy is a major problem facing new congregations, board members were told.

In other action, the directors approved a motion from the floor by O. Wyndell Jones of Montgomery, Ala., asking that other SBC agencies, especially the SBC Sunday School Board, join with the Home Mission Board in producing more Bible study materials for the various language groups with whom the board works.

Jones called the lack of such materials "a very serious problem," saying almost every one of the 80 language

groups need Bible study materials in their own language, but because the groups are often small, it is not profitable to publish such materials.

The directors met in San Antonio for their semi-annual session in connection with the centennial celebration of Hispanic Baptist work in America. One session was a joint commissioning service for 10 home missionaries during sessions of the Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas.

During the joint service with the Mexican Baptist Convention, HMB language missions division director

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## Southern Baptists granted permission to enter Egypt

CAIRO, Egypt (BP)—The Egyptian government has granted permission for three Southern Baptist representatives and their families to live in Egypt and work among Egyptian Baptists.

Two couples, Roger and Linda Rucker and Michael and Madelyn Edens, are studying Arabic in Cairo and another couple will be appointed, said J. D. Hughey, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's director for Europe and the Middle East.

Southern Baptists have had a fraternal representative to Baptists in Egypt for about 25 years, but he has lived in Lebanon or Jordan, making

only periodic trips to Egypt as a tourist because of government restrictions on work by "new" mission organizations, Hughey said.

Several church organizations which had missionaries in Egypt in the 1930s have been allowed continuing representation in Egypt.

"Baptists will now have the same right the 'older' Christian groups enjoy," said Hughey, adding: "This act of the Egyptian authorities testifies to their fairness, justice and magnanimity."

The request for residence, submitted by the board and Hughey in March,

said Southern Baptist representatives in Egypt will preach in the churches when invited to do so, aid in preparation of church leaders, and strengthen ties of friendship between Baptists in America and those in Egypt.

Eight Baptist congregations currently operate in Egypt, with about 250 total members, Hughey said. The largest is in Cairo, where Seddik Girgis, pioneer Egyptian Baptist preacher, was pastor for many years until his death in June 1980.

The Ruckers, from Texas and Kentucky, were appointed by the board on Oct. 9, 1979, and have worked in Lebanon and Jordan. The Edens, from Oklahoma and Louisiana, were appointed Dec. 9, 1980, for work in the Middle East.

Pictured above are some of the helping hands.

## Helping hands renovate Children's Village homes

Director of missions for Washington County Baptist Association Roy D. Raddin and 27 other Washington County church members recently spent portions of two weeks at The Baptist Children's Village.

During this time these representatives of the Baptist Men's groups of the association and some of their wives, in addition to a special youth group from First Baptist Church, Leland, did extensive repairs and clean-up work in Garrison Cottage, a family-style cottage on the India Nunnery Campus.

Chairman of the project, Frank Hope, and his wife Elba, First Baptist Church, Leland, along with Clyde Russell, Second Baptist Church, Greenville,

ville, spent almost all of the two weeks working on the campus, while other groups, representing Washington County churches, worked in shifts during the project doing major renovation work on the sixteen-year-old cottage. Churches represented were First Baptist Church, Greenville; Greenfield Baptist Church; First Baptist Church, Leland; Second Baptist Church, Greenville; Bogue Baptist Church; and Emmanuel Baptist Church, Greenville.

Jim Heflin, pastor of Greenville's First Baptist Church, is the chairman of the Washington Association's missions committee.

## "We know what a wonderful daddy he was"

By Jerry Breazeale  
Director of the School of Christian Training  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

NEW ORLEANS—The murder of first year seminary student Ed Abshire in the early morning hours of June 13, 1981, was stark tragedy; brutality that took place in a robbery of the steak house where he was employed to support his family while he followed God's leading in preparation for ministry. That his wife is left with five children compounds the tragedy. Perhaps nothing can lessen the tragedy, but there is another side to the story which should be told.

Dr. Charles Graham and I approached Farnsworth Apartment 202 knowing that Vickie was shortly to tell the five children of the death of their father. Apprehension was heavy as we entered the apartment to join fellow faculty member Mack Hubbell and pastor Buford Easley who were among the friends who had gathered.

Although her pastor and three seminary faculty members were present, it apparently did not occur to Vickie to allow anyone other than herself to give the explanation to the children. She had prayed all the way from the scene of the murder, asking God's guidance in that task which certainly must be among the most difficult of all.

I joined the others in silent waiting as Vickie placed a child at each side and held one in her lap while neighbors comforted the other two. Vickie began, "I have some glad news and some sad news to tell you. The glad news is that daddy has gone to heaven to be with Jesus. The sad news is that he will not be here any longer to take care of us. Mother is still with you, and we will be together and will be all right."

"We know he is with Jesus."

"You remember," she continued, "that mommy waited up all night last night for daddy to come home, but he never did. He was killed last night. The police said that he did not suffer or hurt for long. We know what a wonderful daddy he was, don't we? And we know that he is with Jesus, don't we?"

Vickie then asked the children if they would like to have prayer. Her words were something like this: "Dear Father, sometimes it is so hard to come to you, but we know you love us and we need your help right now. I know how hard it was for you to give your only Son and how it hurt—I've given up my only husband. Help me and the children. I pray for the person

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## Sculpture devotionals seem to be "singing with my hands"

By Janet Lee

CLINTON—He always holds the lookers spell-bound with wonder, some with amazement at his skill, others with a sense of reverence at the creation taking shape under his agile hands. Sam Gore is using his special talents to lead a worship service.

Gore, chairman of the Mississippi College Art Department, began his

"sculpture devotionals" five years ago when an annual appearance in chapel called for an inspirational artwork. He decided to present a three-dimensional form which at that time had only been practiced in class demonstrations.

Fortified by a backstage prayer and accompanied by choral music, he fashioned from an ordinary lump of clay his interpretation of how the head of Christ might have looked. The work was received by a standing ovation.

Gore, a drawing, soft-spoken man, is a strong vocal advocate of the many uses of art in worship, yet feels most comfortable when communicating with his hands.

"When I sculpt the head of Christ," he says, "I let the art speak for itself. The message is molded from a shapeless mass to tell of God's Son and his task on earth. The crown of thorns which I add as the last gesture really identifies the fulfilling of Christ's mission."

The head is startlingly lifelike and is instantly recognizable, but Gore didn't study other artists' renderings of Christ. Instead, he tried to portray the character and personality of Jesus in the facial features and sculpt his own idea of the physical appearance.

Warming to the subject of art in worship, Gore continues, "I am unapologetically a Southern Baptist. But what I do with the sculpture devotionals cuts across denominational lines and speaks to anyone who can worship

in a visual way. Usually, I invite the congregation to join me in a creative experience and to think of me as 'singing' in another art form—singing praises with my hands."

Completing such a bust in 20 minutes might tax even the most efficient artist, but Gore never hurries nor concedes to a time pressure. Relying upon an extensive knowledge of anatomy gained in art school and a continually improving manual dexterity, he is able to condense a meaningful worship experience into a short time span.

Though he has sculpted the head of Christ for numerous churches and civic groups, Gore says it hasn't gotten to be just a performance to him. "If it ever did, I'd stop. I get caught up in it myself and sometimes have tears in my eyes as I apply the crown of thorns and think of Christ's love for us."

Gore accepts invitations to do the sculpture devotionals whenever possible, viewing each occasion as an opportunity to present the Christian message. The presentations allow him to give his personal testimony, to issue a challenge to church members for more Christ-like living, and to represent Mississippi College and Christian higher education.

As his hands do their own kind of speaking, no one can deny Gore's statement that Christians have barely scratched the surface of the multitude of possibilities for art in worship. (Lee is assistant to the president for public relations and news.)



Sam Gore sculpts head of Christ.

## Hannibal-LaGrange elects Larry Lewis

HANNIBAL, Mo. (BP)—Larry Lewis, pastor of Tower Grove Baptist Church of St. Louis, has been elected president of Hannibal-LaGrange College, a 430-student school affiliated with the Missouri Baptist Convention.

Lewis, 46, becomes president-elect Aug. 1, and will succeed Gerald Martin as president Sept. 1. Martin, who was president eight years, steps down because of health reasons. He will become chancellor for external affairs, devoting most of his time to financial development.

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## Annuity Board appoints two

DALLAS (BP)—Two key positions have been filled at the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board.

D. William Dodson Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church of Martin, Tenn., and immediate past chairman of the Annuity Board trustees, has been named vice president and director of endowment, effective Aug. 1.

James D. Haynes, who has been controller at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, became the board's controller, effective Jan. 1.

## George Hays making attack recovery

HONG KONG (BP)—George H. Hays, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board director for work in east Asia, is expected to recover completely from a heart attack he suffered July 8 in Hong Kong.

In a phone conversation with board officials July 10, Mrs. Hays, who was with her husband when he became ill, reported that the doctors have taken him off oxygen, his blood pressure is better, and he is in no pain. He will remain in Baptist Hospital in Hong Kong for four weeks.

## Child care leader dies in air crash

ATLANTA (BP)—O. Leonard Pedigo Jr., administrator of Georgia Baptist Children's Homes, was killed in a mid-air light plane collision June 8 over Eatonton, Ga.

Pedigo's single engine plane collided with a twin engine craft. Both passengers in the second aircraft also died. Officials at Eatonton airport said both planes were flying on visual control and neither had filed a flight plan.

Pedigo, an experienced pilot, was enroute from his home in Lithonia, Ga., to the children's home campus at Baile. Earlier this year Pedigo, 62, announced plans to retire by Dec. 31 or as soon as a successor could be elected.

You cannot prove your religion by its noise.

Money often unmakes the man who makes it.

Truth has bounds; error has none.

## Panel narrowly approves Helms' human life bill

By Larry Chesser

WASHINGTON (BP)—A Senate subcommittee narrowly approved a bill that declares that "the life of each human being begins at conception," but further action on the controversial measure is unlikely before next year.

The three Republicans and two Democrats on the Separation of Powers subcommittee split along party lines in the vote to send the so-called "human life bill" to the full Judiciary Committee, but recommended that full committee consideration be delayed until after hearings have been held on a proposed constitutional amendment banning abortion.

That delay in full committee consideration means it will likely be next year before further action on the measure occurs.

Introduced by Sen. Jesse Helms, and backed by separation of powers chairman Sen. John P. East, both North Carolina Republicans, S. 158 states the finding of Congress that the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution "protects all human beings," including fetuses.

MBC, which names all of the 25 trustees and contributes some \$270,000 to the \$2 million annual budget of the college.

Lewis has been pastor of Tower Grove since July 1974, and during that time has seen average attendance increase from 944 to 1,210, receipts more than triple and baptisms average 270 persons per year.

He is a native of Centralia, Mo., and graduated from HLC in 1954. He also is a graduate of the University of Missouri and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, receiving both the bachelor of divinity and master of religious education degrees. In 1978, he received a doctor of ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary.

He was vice president of the SBC Pastors' Conference in 1980, and served on the 1980 resolutions committee at the SBC in St. Louis.

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Oscar Romo said the Southern Baptist Convention is the world's largest Spanish-speaking Baptist convention, with more than 1,550 Spanish-speaking congregations and more than 150,000 Spanish-speaking members.

During business sessions, the Home Mission Board elected Jose A. Hernandez, minister of community outreach for Rosen Heights Baptist Church, Fort Worth, as associate director of the language missions division, effective Sept. 1.

Paul Montgomery Jr., minister of education for First Baptist Church, Tupelo, Miss., was named associate director of the church loans division.

Wilson Mathews, a computer expert now serving as systems analyst for the Home Mission Board, was promoted to director of payroll and employee benefits services for the board's business services division.

Robert T. Mills, pastor of First Baptist Church of Bethel in Kansas City, Kans., was named assistant director of Mission Service Corps for the Home Mission Board, effective Aug. 1.

In other action, the board approved detailed allocations for a proposed \$22 million Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal for 1982.

Authorities recommended that all of the 20 to 30 other families living near the center also evacuate their homes.

Activities at the adjoining Mt. Carmel Baptist Assembly encampment were expected to be canceled for a few weeks to provide housing for Baptist families in camp facilities. The organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in the Philippines has released \$1,000 in emergency relief funds to provide food and other necessities for the families.



Larry Badon presents plaque.

## New York church planter has Mississippi roots

In May of 1979, Larry Badon left the pastorate of the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Tallahatchie Association, and moved his family to New York, where he began duties as a church planter.

Co-sponsored by the Home Mission

Board and the Brotherhood of Tallahatchie Baptist Association, Badon's primary task has been to start churches in the area surrounding Cortland, New York. In two years, Badon has been instrumental in starting two churches, the second being a mission of the first.

On a recent trip back to Mississippi, Badon spoke at the quarterly associational Brotherhood meeting, held at the First Baptist Church of Tutwiler. Badon displayed blueprints for a church building under construction for Emmanuel Baptist Church in Cortland.

He also displayed a certificate from the Baptist State Convention of New York in recognition of this infant church being one of the top fifteen churches in total baptisms for New York State in 1980, with 23 baptisms.

Badon presented the association with a plaque cut in the shape of New York State, with the word, "Tallahatchie Baptist Association," in appreciation for faithful support of Emmanuel Baptist Church, a church born in New York State because of your response to Bold Missions Thrust. Romans 10:14-15.

Shown receiving the plaque are, left to right: Don O'Quinn, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charleston and moderator for the association; Matthew Greer, pastor of Corinth Baptist Church and chairman, missions committee; Larry Badon; Joe Young, pastor, Paul Baptist Church and chairman, evangelism committee; and Bob Ed Wright, president of the associational Brotherhood. The plaque will be hung in the dining hall of the Association Campground, Camp Lakeside, near Charleston.

A missions trip to Cortland is planned for August, when men from this Association will assist with the construction of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Badon said the trip will be a week long.

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He mentioned specifically that C. R. Daley, editor of the Western Recorder, journal of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, has served on the board of trustees at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Ben Elrod, president of Georgetown College, a KBC agency, was re-elected to the Southwestern board.

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# Baptist World Alliance Council elects staffers

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (BP)—Two new staff members were elected as the General Council of the Baptist World Alliance held its annual session.

The 260 Baptist leaders from 36 nations also passed resolutions which dealt with such issues as the crisis in El Salvador and disarmament.

Archie Goldie, secretary of the department of evangelism for the Bap-

## Cooperative Program increases in June

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Undesignated gifts for missions and education through the national Southern Baptist Cooperative Program increased 9.5 percent in June, the ninth month of the fiscal year.

The June increase, \$560,615 over June 1980, raised contributions to \$60,874,257, or 13.2 percent over the same period last year.

Designated contributions increased 27.4 percent in June, to \$6,619,483. That raised designated contributions to date to \$66,615,574, up 12.7 percent.

Designated and undesignated contributions through the first three-quarters of the fiscal year total \$127,489,831, up \$14.5 million, or 12.89 percent over the same period last year.

## Curtis Askew named to Wayland—Hawaii

Curtis Askew, a native of Sardis, 25 years a missionary in Japan, and for the past nine years pastor of Olivet Baptist Church, Honolulu, became professor of Bible at Wayland Baptist University, Hawaii Center on July 1.

Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, Texas for 75 years, opened its "Hawaii Center" three years ago, and Askew will be the first full-time teacher, under the direction of James Finical, dean.

During the spring term 129 students were enrolled. Askew will not only teach subjects in the field of religion, but also Japanese language, history, and culture in a state where 30% of the population is of Japanese origin.

During his nine years at Olivet, Askew served both as Japanese language pastor for five years, and English pastor for four years.

During his tenure, the church opened a Korean language department, which was organized as a self-supporting Korean language church with 112 charter members in February of this year. The Japanese language department doubled its membership, while increasing its offerings 500%.

## Cliff Temple holds day camp

By Katrina Campbell  
The children, grades 1-6, of Cliff Temple, Inc., experienced a very fast moving, one day Day Camp, on Saturday, June 27.

The day began with a welcome from their pastor, Bill Dowdy, and continued with a simulation of Jesus talking with the 5,000 listeners and the supper of blessed 5 loaves and 2 fishes (rolls and fishcakes).

The day continued with a nature hunt, straw painting, making "Djos" (or God's eye), singing scripture songs, relays, picnic lunch, kickball and ended with ice-cold watermelon (and yes, we had our share of seed-spitting).

One of the highlights of the day was the dramatization of the Good Samaritan (and I must say, that the Good Samaritan really "fixed" that poor, beaten stranger as she placed band-aids on his nose, gauze on his hand, and ace bandages on his arm and legs!), and the story of Zacchaeus.

The smallest fellow actually climbed a tree and when "Jesus" told him to come down, "Zacchaeus" promptly fell out of that tree and the two of them took off. When they finally returned, we noticed an impromptu "Jesus" rubbing his stomach and murmuring to "Zacchaeus," "That sure was good meatball!"

The day camp was directed by Katrina Campbell, a student at New Orleans Seminary, assisted by Pam Perrin, Mary Simmons, Gloria Huff, and Betty Tarver. The following children participated in the day camp: Jason Wisner, Stephanie Baxter, Jason Fuller, Shannon Huff, Kevin Perrin, Don McIlwain, James Tarver, Stephanie Reeder, Mendez Goldman, Leathia Ainsworth, and Lori Walter.

## "War on poor" to be aired Aug. 2

"War on the Poor," a one-hour public affairs program produced by NBC and the Radio and Television Commission, was taped at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center July 14.

The panel discussion, moderated by NBC's Edwin R. Newman, will explore the roles of churches and government in ministry to poor people and the impact of proposed budget cuts on social programs for the poor in America.

Panel participants were James

tist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, was elected associate secretary for relief and development, succeeding Ronald Goulding.

Goulding also will be the director of the North American Baptist Fellowship.

Denton Lotz, who has been responsible for relief and development since Goulding's retirement, will retain his work as associate secretary for evangelism and education, and was named director of the youth department.

Also elected was Azariah McKenzie of Kingston, Jamaica, who will become regional secretary of the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship.

Both McKenzie's and Goldie's new posts are effective Oct. 1.

The appointment of Sampson Mathangani of Nyeri, Kenya, as field assistant in the youth department, was announced by Gerhard Claas, general secretary of the BWA.

On El Salvador, members of the member bodies of the alliance were encouraged to "pray and work for the establishment of lasting peace with justice and the welfare of the entire people of El Salvador."

The General Council urged "that military aid in terms of weapons and personnel from whatever sources be terminated on a bilateral basis forthwith and that renewed efforts be made to bring about a political rather than a military solution to this conflict."

On disarmament, the BWA called on Baptist unions and conventions worldwide to give "most serious consideration" to disarmament and to "promote understanding of the issues and to take active responsibility within their own nations and states to preserve and propagate peace and to effect the reduction and ultimate cessation of armament, both conventional and nuclear."

The component Baptist groups condemned the folly of relying on the concept of "mutually assured destruction," and urged that "the two great nuclear powers, the USA and the USSR, in persons of their appointed leaders, seek as soon as possible a meeting to demonstrate to the rest of the world their readiness to reduce world tensions."

The General Council will meet in July of 1982 in Nairobi, Kenya.

## HMB appoints 36 to mission posts

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (BP)—Eight missionaries and two missionary associates were among 36 persons appointed for mission service during the summer meeting of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Appointments also included 16 persons who will receive church pastoral aid and 10 persons granted language pastoral assistance.

Elected missionaries were David and Nancy L. Baldwin of Metairie, La.; Betty Lynn Cadle of Baltimore, Md.; Gloria Ann Guidry of New Orleans, La.; John and Lynn McBride of Knoxville, Tenn.; and Tobias and Cathy Pitman of Slidell, La.

Named missionary associates were Cloyd and Claudette Harjo of Pascoagula, Miss.

The Baldwins will move to Fairbanks, Alaska, where he will be pastor-director of Friendship Baptist Mission, a Christian social ministries center.

Baldwin has been youth director, associate pastor and pastor of churches in Virginia, West Virginia, Washington, Puerto Rico, Texas, Florida and Louisiana.

He is a graduate of Bluefield College, Inter-American University of Puerto Rico, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Guidry will remain in New Orleans, where she is supervisor of women at Baptist Rescue Mission, a Christian social ministries center. Guidry formerly was a Home Mission Board summer missionary, music and youth director and school teacher. She is a graduate of Louisiana College and New Orleans Seminary.

The McBrides are settling in Pascoagula, Miss., where he has become director of language and Christian social ministries, working primarily with internationals. He has been a member of the staff of the Home Mission Board, associational director of missions in Mississippi, pastor of

missions in Mississippi, pastor of

churches in Louisiana and Mississippi and executive coordinator of the Commission on Religion in Appalachia (CORA). He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

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The mission also decided that Dugith Art Gallery in Tel Aviv, opened in 1951, would cease to operate as a

commercial gallery as of July 31. Located in the heart of Israel's largest city's theatre and cafe district, the art gallery and publications center located on the same property have helped make Baptists more widely

known.

With the change, emphasis will be placed on using the gallery as a center for evangelistic ministry. Plans are for representatives of congregations in Tel Aviv to present the gospel through art exhibits, drama, music, lectures and the sale of Christian literature in several languages.

ATAKPAME, Togo—The rain

poored from the sky as she was bapti-

zed, but 75-year-old Obi Pyakati was

so excited that she left her shoes on the river bank as she leaped from the stream following her immersion.

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only added to their reasons to praise

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## Editorials

**Bold missions endeavors.**

## Needs will be great

The Bold Mission effort that Southern Baptists voted into existence in 1977 has been under way for four years. The idea was to get going immediately in an endeavor to make a Christian witness available to everyone in the nation by the end of the decade in which the vote was taken and to everyone in the world by the end of the century.

We didn't make the first goal, and the deadline was revised to make 1982 the time for making a Christian witness available to everyone in the nation. We have roughly 18 months left in which to accomplish this goal, and the likelihood is not great that we will make it.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1982, we will have 18 years left during which to accomplish the worldwide goal.

Will we do any better on the world scene than we did in our own country? That is difficult to say, but certainly there is a lot to be done in either case. Regardless of what the outcome is, however, there are five concepts that

need to be noted.

The first is a saying that comes from somewhere in the past: "It is not failure but low aim that is crime."

This leads to the second concept which is that without this effort more than likely we would not have worked very hard on witnessing at all and would have been prone to let our missions dollars do the work for us.

As it is, we have increased our missions force on the one hand, and we have had hundreds of volunteers going all over the world in witnessing endeavors on the other. Mississippi Baptists have linked their efforts with those of the Baptists in California and with the Southern American nations of the Rio de la Plata—Paraguay, Uruguay, and Argentina. Mississippians will be going into these areas to aid the spread of a Christian witness in whatever way they can. They may not get to everyone, but they will reach as many as possible in a joint effort with those Baptists all ready there.

The Baptists already in all of these areas are fighting an uphill battle with less than ideal conditions. In every case the Baptists are a decided minority and have to work hard just to be noticed. But also in every case the Baptists are fighting hard and making their efforts count for sizeable gains.

The third is that because of these Bold Missions efforts there are many more Christians today than there would have been otherwise, and there will be many more won as these years rush by than there would have been otherwise.

The fourth is that all of us are the missionaries where we are. The Bold Mission goals will never be realized if those around us right where we live have never been made aware of the gospel. This is the hardest part. It's easy to send our money. It's a little more trouble to go somewhere else to witness, but we will do it because of the conviction that we should. To go next door to witness is the toughest of all. If our next-door neighbor is lost, however, we are responsible for witnessing to him.

The fifth is that we cannot afford to give up our Bold Missions efforts even when the time has run out for the accomplishment of our goals. In the first place, it is not likely that our goals will have been accomplished. In the second place, there still will be many that will have heard but didn't respond.

It takes money. We must make it available. It takes time, and sometimes that is more precious than money; but it also must be made available. And it takes people. That is us. To make ourselves available is the biggest sacrifice of all. But if our Bold Missions aims are to be realized, we must make that sacrifice in ever increasing numbers.

There seems little doubt that the needs that will be surfaced in California, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Argentina will be much greater than can be met under ordinary circumstances. We have accepted these challenges. We must be ready to meet them.



—Robert Shirley

## Faces And Places

### From the mail bag

Writing and getting letters is for me one of life's big pluses. The first letter I remember sending, I wrote for someone else. My cousin Rebecca at age 5 had not learned to write. At age 7 I could write, I assured her, so she dictated to me and I wrote to her "boy friend," also 5: "Dear Charles: I love you. When we grow up, I want to marry you." Then I signed her name. She found three pennies for a stamp and she and my sister Betty and I waited under the trees by the road for the mailman to post our message. In a couple of days, Charles' mother and sister (Charles could not read, so they opened his mail) arrived at Rebecca's house demanding to know how Rebecca could send such a letter if she couldn't write. (Pretty soon my name was mud.)

I still send and get letters from "all over." Annie Hendricks wrote from Blue Mountain: "While I worked in Washington, D.C., 1942-45, Dr. Clarence Cranford was my pastor at Calvary Baptist Church. I still remember a part of his outline in one sermon: he said he knew three things about each person in the congregation—even if he had never met them—(1) God loved them (2) someone loved them, even if they were unaware of that person's love and care (3) if someone who knew how to write should write about their life, it would be an interesting life."

Joy Nelson, a lovely blonde who used to work in the Baptist Building (she's deaf, but she reads lips so well you'd never know it), has a great sense of humor. Not long ago she wrote from Farmers Branch, Texas: "This is the first letter from me as a housewife (not the last). After my 14 years of hard labor, Mac decided to retire me to the stable. I've been confused ever since! I rushed around for days, thinking, 'I've got to hurry and finish; I've only got a few days to do what I want to do.' When reality hit, I fell hard. I had to sit down and nibble my nails. Coffee never tasted so good. The Soaps are boring. . . . For years I have opened a mean can; now I learn to do from scratch (cook like Mama cooked). Poor Mac. He was sick with a tummy ache for two days. I didn't feel so good. He said, 'I'm missing the top button of one of my uniform shirts.' I sewed one on while he was at work the next day. I also attached a note to the new button, 'Your wife was here.' He loved that."

When Stanley Stamps wrote from Niagara about the talents of Mrs. Fairy Lowrey, I went to see her near Gillsburg. Her recipe for corn casserole is good for these summer days: "one can creamed corn; one egg; two cups sweet milk; one cup yellow corn meal; one large onion; six T. cooking oil; 1/2 stick margarine. Chop onion fine, and saute it in the oil in a big black skillet. Mix all the other things; pour in the hot skillet with the onion. Stir rapidly, as it thickens. Put in casserole dish and bake in oven until it browns."

I heard that James Rutledge, the Cason pastor, is speaking one night at the Winston County Crusade in Louisville this week. In March he wrote me, "I promised to send you a copy of my book. Well, here is a copy." I had interviewed him in 1979 and been inspired by the story of his transformation "from prison to pulpit," so I read his book with much interest (and reviewed it for our April 9 issue). It's called *Prison Life Christian Living*, and can be ordered from Brother Rutledge for \$2.95 at Rt. 1, Box 671, Nettleton, MS 38858.

Landon Wilkerson, independent missionary, a Southern Baptist who ministers to the Mosquitia Indians of Honduras, wrote in June from isolated Puerto Lempira: "March was a scorch. Even our 30-foot pit well went dry for a few days. Blessings were many-fold this month with 35 baptisms and scores saved. Utilizing the M.A.F. plane, trailbike, and dugout canoe, I have visited churches in Uhuwuya, Sirsitará, Wampusirpe, Wampu, Tanta, Ahuas, and Taponaya. Lumber has been bought for construction of a church in Twimilawa. HRXK has been off the air nearly a month due to severe troubles in the modulation section of the transmitter. (Early this year Jimmy Smith of Tupelo and some other Mississippians helped to set up this radio station in Puerto Lempira.) Pray about this, as it was a tremendous outreach. From the U.S. we get requests to play gospel songs and hymns. So far, we've received letters from Florida, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Mississippi, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Iowa, Maine, Texas, and Washington, D.C."

I'll be looking for your letter.

**"The Grady Nutt Show". . .**

## The good and bad of the pastorate

It is due a bit of personal attention that the pilot of "The Grady Nutt Show" will be telecast on July 24 on NBC-TV at 7:30 p.m. That is a Friday evening.

Grady Nutt, as most Southern Baptists know, is a Southern Baptist preacher. He has become well-known to television viewers as the prime minister of humor (I believe that is the term) on *Hee Haw*.

He has spoken to Southern Baptist audiences all over the nation and a few years back appeared on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention. When I was editor of *The California Southern Baptist* he came to our youth camp at Jenness Park in the Sierra Nevada Mountains for a week. His humor revolves about his experiences in the ministry. Having grown up in a pastor's home, I can relate to many of the outlandish situations that emerge.

Last fall he appeared on the program of our Baptist Men's rally just before the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

My interest in Grady Nutt goes a little deeper than all of that, however. He is a Texan and as a young preacher came under the influence of one of my dearest friends, Hoyt Mulkey. Hoyt at one time was the minister of music for the church where we were members.

Dallas, and he claimed Grady as one of his boys. Hoyt later became the director of the Church Music Department for Arkansas and served in several other churches as the minister of music.

Hoyt developed a heart condition

and died earlier this year while serving a church in Arizona. And though he is gone, the influence he had in helping a young preacher get started lives on in the work of Grady Nutt.

The word from another friend, Floyd Craig of the office of the governor of

One plus one equals 4,000. . . .

## New math in Uruguay

By Jeanie Benfield

One plus one equals 4,000. What? 1 plus 1 equals 4,000? This must be a mistake, new math, or math Uruguayan style. No, none of the above.

One plus one equals 4,000 is the promotional theme of the Evangelism Board of the Uruguayan Baptist Convention for trying to duplicate the number of Baptists in Uruguay.

There are about 2,000 Baptists in Uruguay and, if each one of them won one person to the Lord, by the end of the year there would be 4,000. For this reason, 1 plus 1 equals 4,000.

Missionary Jimmie Spann came up with the original idea. But at the pastors' retreat missionary Wally Poor didn't sleep during the siesta time

because he had been given the responsibility of promoting the 1 plus 1 equals 4,000 theme.

Words to a jingle kept coming to his mind. When Poor realized that a siesta that day was a lost cause, he sought out music missionary Joe Benfield and asked him to put music to the words.

As Poor and Benfield worked on the music and more verses, others wandered by and helped them polish the work. That song is now being sung in Baptist churches through Uruguay.

Poor also got together an informative tract to enlist Baptists to win others to Christ. The tract includes a step by step plan on soul winning.

When Juan Trindade, pastor of 7 Uruguayan churches, wins a person to

Christ, he immediately gives that person a tract and tells him to find another to win for the Lord. And that's what 1 plus 1 equals 4,000 is all about—winning others to the Lord.

(Jeanie Benfield is press representative to Uruguay.)

Trent C. Butler, associate professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruchlikon, Switzerland, has been named an editor at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, TN. Butler, who has served at the seminary for the past ten years, will become editor of Adult Life and Work Curriculum in the board's Sunday School department in August.

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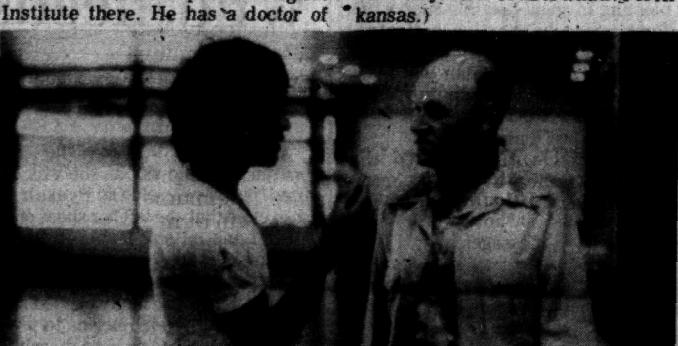
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A Sunday night in Asuncion

Baptist Church, Asuncion, and assistant director of the Baptist Theological Institute there. He has a doctor of

philosophy degree from Southwestern Seminary. Mrs. Ortiz is a native of Arkansas.



The only picture taken of the editor during the visit of the Mississippi task force to Paraguay, Uruguay, and Argentina was during an interview on arrival at the airport in Asuncion, Paraguay. The interviewer was Alfredo Altamirano, left, who is involved in a publications ministry.

The opinions registered in the letters to the editor printed on these pages do not necessarily reflect those of the Baptist Record.

Letters to the editor are limited to 400 words.

### Let's not back away

Editor:

Never before have I written a letter to the editor, yet I feel that I must write in the form of a question. If the real issue isn't the Bible in our convention, what is it? I hear let's get on with missions and I agree; yet no real Word from God, no missions. Without an "inerrant Bible" (a Bible without errors), we could never be certain that a perfect, virgin born, sinless, crucified, risen, and coming again Savior is ours!

## Letters To The Editor

Gerald Hegwood, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Helena

This is a good question and serves notice that it is impossible to get everything needed into one report on such meetings as the Southern Baptist Convention. Perhaps, in discussing the relief that there was no confrontation as had been feared before the convention, we let an important aspect of the cause for that relief slip by until a week later, when the Herschel Hobbs motion was given fuller treatment. Southern Baptists did not back away from the issue. They simply said that the ground where all had stood for 18 years was still where they wanted to stand. The Hobbs motion stated, as noted in the issue of June 25, that in the light of the marvelous and challenging president's address, "we reaffirm our his-

toric Baptist position that the Holy Bible, which has truth without any mixture of error for its matter, is our adequate rule of faith and practice, and that we reaffirm our belief in The Baptist Faith and Message adopted in 1963, including all 17 articles, plus the preamble which protects the conscience of the individual and guards us from a creedal faith." Southern Baptists may not all use the same words to indicate their concept of the Bible, but I feel there would be very few who do not believe that it is "a perfect treasure of divine instruction" and that its matter is "truth without any mixture of error." The adoption of Hobbs' motion without opposition early in the convention was an important factor in the good experience of this year's meeting.—Editor

Dionisio Ortiz, left, pastor of First Baptist Church of Asuncion, Paraguay, and assistant director of the Baptist theological institute there, sits with Dionisio Silva Armoa, who is pastor of the New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Asuncion and president of the Paraguay Baptist Convention.

# Hastey sees 77 accept Christ

MADRID, Spain (BP)—Sharing the stage with a British rock band from a discotheque to public plazas, Southern Baptist evangelist Ervin Hastey preached his way through Spain.

Hastey, evangelism and church growth consultant for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, has preached overseas many times. But this trip that saw 77 accept Christ during 18 sermons in 18 days was unusual in several aspects, he says.

Teamed with the Christian rock band Frontline from Nottingham, England, Hastey held services in public places in five Spanish cities, but the most unusual was a discotheque. About 50 church members mingled with a crowd of more than 500 as the band played and members gave testimonies.

In Albacete, the one of the five cities nearest Spain's terrorist activities, Baptists were allowed to have a con-

cert and testimonies in a public plaza. Hastey could make only brief remarks there because all conferences were prohibited to prevent terrorists from meeting. The concert was allowed because it was considered a social function.

In Madrid, some band members who had used drugs before becoming Christians gave their testimonies, and two young drug users came forward to make professions of faith in Christ, Hastey said.

The meetings were part of Spanish Baptists' five-year plan for missionary expansion, a program which would have been prohibited a few years ago.

"I heard several times pastors and laymen express the joy they felt in having religious liberty to be able to have meetings like this and be protected by the government if anything went wrong," said Hastey.

In Albacete, the one of the five cities

## Revival Dates

**Oak Grove near Mendenhall:** July 19-26; Carlton McNeer, pastor; Paul Tsika, Zachary, La., evangelist; Mon.-Sat. 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday regular times; dinner on the grounds Sunday, July 26, with Pete Collins, Kosciusko policeman, leading the 1 p.m. service.

**Damascus Church, Hazlehurst:** July 19-24; Robert Horton, pastor of First Church, Kyle, Texas, evangelist; Jimmy Knight, Laurel, music evangelist; Lee Rodgers, pastor; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., with lunch served at the church; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.

**Oak Grove (Smith):** July 19-24, nightly at 7:30; Sunday dinner on the grounds and afternoon service but no night service; Gary Berry, evangelist; Don Moore, music evangelist; Mike Thompson, pastor.

**Jupiter Church (Simpson):** July 19-24; morning and afternoon services on Sunday; night services at 7:30 p.m.; Thomas Henderson, pastor of County Line, Rankin County, evangelist; Joe Wood, music director; Troy Grubbs, pastor.

**Bluff Springs Church (Pike):** July 26-31; services at 11 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Sunday; 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; Harold Gartman, pastor of Silver Creek Church, Pike County, evangelist; Johnny Smith, Bluff Springs, song director; George Butler, pastor.

**First Church, Sumrall (Lamar):** July 19-24; Byron R. Malone, pastor of Daniel Memorial, Jackson, evangelist; Jimmy McEachern, minister of music/youth, Trace Ridge Church, Ridgeland, and Cindy Malone, music evangelist, Jackson, music evangelist; Dennis H. Smith, pastor; night 7:30; Dennis H. Smith, pastor.

**Fellowship Church (Lauderdale):** July 19-24; Parks Marler, pastor of Harperville Church and on leave from the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, evangelist; Barry Burris, minister of music at Eighth Avenue Church, Meridian, music director, Kenneth E. Walters, pastor.

**Indian Springs Church, Hattiesburg:** July 19-24; week night services at 7:30 p.m.; evangelist, Wiley Richards, professor of Christian history, missions and philosophy at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla.; song leader, Nick Davis; James Shoemaker, pastor.

**Ruth Church (Lincoln):** begins preparations with cottage prayer meetings, July 19-24; revival services begin with preaching, dinner at church July 26, continuing through July 31. The church will be celebrating its 45th anniversary. Charles Guy is pastor.

**Eastwood Church, Indiana (Sunflower):** July 19-23; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; week day services at noon and 7 p.m.; evangelist, Paul Hunter, Oxford, Ala.; song leader, George Lipe, Indiana; Manuel Weeks, pastor.

**Gallman Church, (Copiah):** July 19-24; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; through the week at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; evangelist, Bill Fox, pastor of Cash Church, Scott County; song leader, Leroy Stuart, Edwards; Paul Jordan, pastor.

**Briar Hill Church, Florence:** July 19-24; evangelist, Howard Benton, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church, Pearl; song leader, Danny Jones of Calvary Baptist Church, Greenwood; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; week day services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Wilson Winstead, pastor.

**Bolton Church (Hinds):** July 19-24; evangelist, Robert Wall, director of church relations, Mississippi College; song leader, B. T. Robbins, Morrison Heights Church, Clinton; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; services Monday - Friday 7:30 p.m., Wayne Burkes, pastor.

**First Church, Kosciusko:** July 19-24; Ron Phillips, evangelist; Tom Larimore, Jackson, music evangelist; Ed Gandy, pastor; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; during the week at 12:30 noon and 7:30 p.m.

**Mt. Vernon (Mississippi Assoc.):** July 19-22; Jack Moore, pastor at Emmanuel Church, Manning, SC, and formerly pastor of Red Bluff Church near Mt. Vernon, evangelist; Susan Tanner of Oskaloosa, in charge of music; Ken Trapnell, pastor; 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, with covered dish dinner on the grounds; Mon.-Wed. at 7:30 p.m.

**Benton (Yazoo):** July 26-31; Jim Yates, pastor, First, Yazoo City, evangelist; Don Pratt, Jasper, Ala., graduate of Clarke College and now a student at Samford University, music director; Cathy Gregory, minister of music at Benton, graduate of Clarke and now a student at MC, assisting with the music; services at 7:30 and 8 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

**Roxie (Franklin):** July 19-24; at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; David Milligan, pastor of South McComb Church, evangelist; Harrel Wilcox, minister of music at West Ellisville, music director; Horace Carpenter, pastor.

**Main Street Church, Mendenhall:** July 19-24; Sun. services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 12 noon and 7:30 p.m.; evangelist, Paul Wilson, pastor of Central Church, Brookhaven; music director, James Davis, Main Street Church; organist, Joan Smith; pianist, Betty Davis; DeWitt Mitchell, pastor.

**Airport Church, Grenada:** July 26-31; George Folmar, pastor of First Church, Owenton, Texas, preaching; Ray Nicholass of Batesville, leading the music; Paul Blanchard, pastor; regular services Sunday; 7:30 each night.

**Emmanuel Church, Union:** July 26-31; services at 7:30 p.m. each night except on the 26th which will be 8 p.m.; evangelist, Ed Perrett\* of Jackson; song leader, Chuck Dean; Steve Purvis, pastor.

**Mt. Olivet Church, Lillian Community:** begins revival with homecoming on July 19 with worship at 11 a.m. and picnic-style dinner afterwards; services continue at 7:30 p.m. through Wednesday; evangelist, H. L. Eichberger, pastor of Hillsboro Church; Homer McDonald, pastor.

**Morgan Chapel Church, Sturgis:** July 19-24; evangelist, Robert Jones, Washington Church; services daily at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; pastor, O. C. Roberts, pastor.

**Providence Church, Jayess:** begins revival with homecoming, July 19; after dinner on grounds will be preaching service and singing by the Deacons' Quartet of Lawrence County; services week days at 7:30 p.m.; evangelist, Ernest Sadler, pastor of Easthaven Church, Brookhaven; song leader, Mickey Sandifer, Topeka Church; pianist, Debbie Alexander; John L. Carlisle, pastor.

**Puckett Church (Rankin):** July 19-24; Ray Grissett, consultant) Cooperative Missions department, MBCB, Jackson, evangelist; Jerry Beaty, music minister of St. Andrews Church, Panama City, FL, music evangelist; services weekday 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Sunday regular times, Jim Carr, pastor.

**Salem Church, Collins:** July 19-24; Hueston Adkins, First, Mendenhall, evangelist; Floyd Grice, Bogue Chitto, music evangelist; Matt Buckles, pastor; services at 7:30 each evening; Sunday at 11 a.m., plus dinner on the grounds and an afternoon service.

**Northside Church, Greenville:** July 19-22; M. E. Perry, pastor; Sonny Holland, full-time evangelist, preachers (Holland, in evangelism for 17 years, has preached in England, Scotland, Wales, the West Indies, and South America, as well as the U.S. He is co-editor of *Fires of Revival* and author of two books, and is a song writer.)

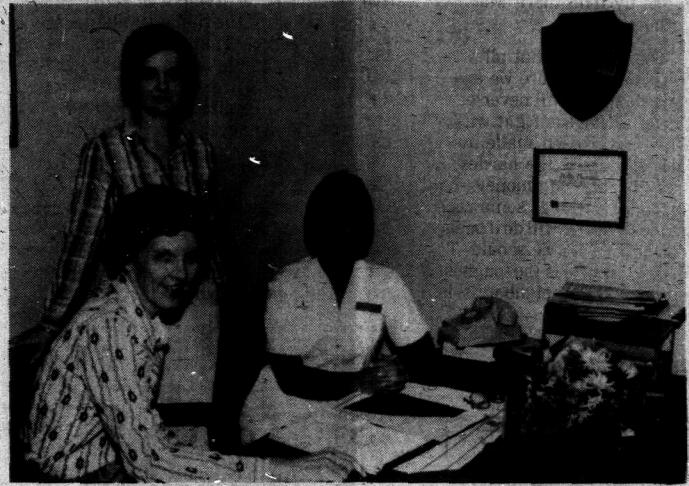
## Book Reviews

**NEW AMERICAN STANDARD EXHAUSTIVE CONCORDANCE OF THE BIBLE;** Holman; 1,695 pages; \$34.95.

Holman is the Bible publishing arm of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. This concordance has been published specifically for the New American Standard Bible. It is a large book, 12 inches deep and nine inches wide. The concordance takes in 1,476 pages and gives a complete listing of words and numbers used in the New American Standard Bible. In addition there is a Hebrew-Aramaic dictionary and a Greek dictionary. Throughout the concordance there are reference numbers by each word so that the researcher may refer to either the Hebrew-Aramaic or the Greek dictionary. For those using the New American Standard Bible to any extent, this is a worthwhile volume.—DTM

**THE NEW CULTS** by Walter Martin (Vision House, paper, 419 pp., \$7.95) Jehovah's Witnesses and some

other cults have become familiar, but newer cults have emerged in the U.S. in recent years. Walter Martin, director of the Christian Research Institute in Anaheim, Calif., has collected a considerable number of facts concerning them, and compiled them in the covers of this book. In a clear and uncomplicated way, he writes about the beliefs and dangers of these cults, especially for the young and uninformed. In a courteous but firm way he exposes the error of The Way International; Hinduism; Hare Krishna and TM; Erhard Seminars Training; The Children of God (the Family of Love); The "I AM" Ascended Masters; Silva Mind Control; The Church of the Living Word; Roy Masters; Foundation of Human Understanding; Nichiren Shoshu Buddhism; and The Riddle of Reincarnation. The Appendix, which discusses The Local Church of Witness Lee, is followed by an extensive bibliography.—AWM



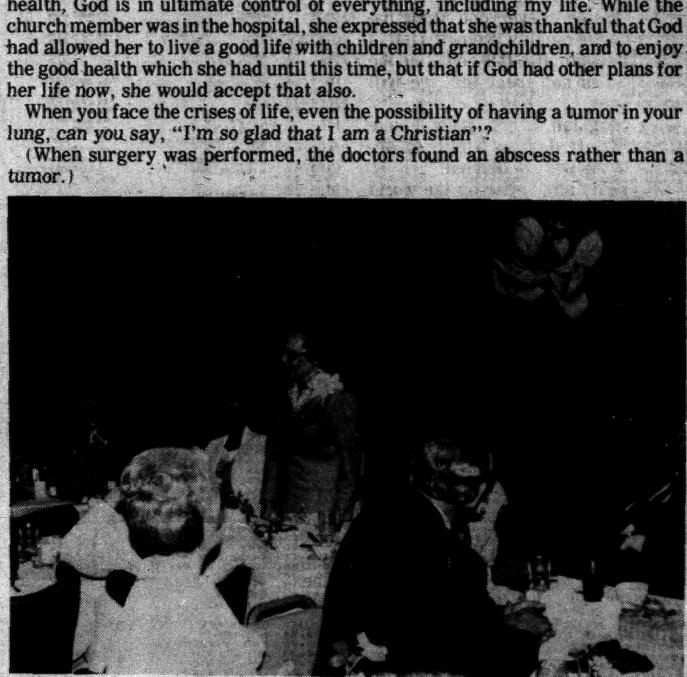
Med Center BSU plans for fall

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center's new Baptist Student Union President Connie Hardison of Greenwood, right, met recently with MBMC's BSU director Kathy Bearden, seated left, and MBMC Assistant Administrator Lu Hardin to begin plans for the fall. MBMC is affiliated with four health related schools: Medical Technology, Practical Nursing, Radiologic Technology and Respiratory Therapy.

## Bethlehem youths engage in resort ministry in NC

Jeanette Valentine.

These young people worked to make most of the money to defray expenses of the trip. Warren Rush, Bethlehem pastor, said that the young people will have charge of the evening service Sunday, July 26, to tell of the experiences of the mission tour.



Mrs. Quarles retires

Mrs. Virginia Quarles responds to presentations at a luncheon given in her honor following the announcement of her retirement from the English faculty at Mississippi College. Mrs. Quarles joined the Mississippi College faculty following the death of her husband, Chester Quarles, who at the time of his death was executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Sponsoring the luncheon were Mabel Odie, whose husband, Joe, was editor of the *Baptist Record* until his retirement in 1976; Margaret Ann Cummings, whose husband, Bryant, is Sunday School director for Mississippi Baptists; and Ginny Winders, whose husband, Ralph, retired as director of Baptist Student work for Mississippi Baptists. Bryant Cummings was master of ceremonies. Earl Kelly, Mississippi Baptist executive secretary-treasurer, also participated on the program.

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## Devotional

### I'm glad I'm a Christian

By Kenneth Walters, pastor, Fellowship, Meridian  
Philippians 1:21

A few weeks ago, the family of a church member requested that I meet with them at the hospital to tell her that the doctors had found a tumor on her lung. I prayed as I drove to the hospital that morning that God would give me the right words to say when she heard the results of the tests. As I walked into her room after the doctor told her of her condition, she said to me, "I'm so glad that I am a Christian."

"I'm glad that I am a Christian" testifies that a person has accepted Christ as Saviour and is not ashamed of it. The lady in the hospital would not think of giving her testimony before a large group of people. Our Christian faith is not simply giving a testimony; it is faith for everyday living. She knew that she belonged to God.

"I'm glad that I am a Christian" testifies that a person is prepared by God for whatever may come his or her way in life. The church member had watched her husband suffer through a malignant disease until his death several years ago, so she knew the probability of her own suffering. Being prepared for the experiences of life is the sentiment of the message of Paul to the Christians of Philippi, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21 KJV).

"I'm glad that I am a Christian" testifies that in time of sickness or good health, God is in ultimate control of everything, including my life. While the church member was in the hospital, she expressed that she was thankful that God had allowed her to live a good life with children and grandchildren, and to enjoy the good health which she had until this time, but that if God had other plans for her life now, she would accept that also.

When you face the crises of life, even the possibility of having a tumor in your lung, can you say, "I'm so glad that I am a Christian"?

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## **Mission Gifts Of Mississippi Baptist Churches Thru Convention Board**

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FBC RICHMOND	9-243.82	4-694.71	14-136.53	DAY STAR	93-43	1-306.26	2-240.80	DAK GRV	1,546.97	2-277.71	4-074.68	HT ZION BAPT CH	0.00	0.00	0.00	1-645.70	FBC STATE LINE	2-602.87	3-926.40	6-629.27									
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## Christ's superior priesthood

By Lewis Sewell, pastor  
First, Oxford

Hebrews 4:14-6:20

The first readers of The Epistle to the Hebrews were familiar with the ancient priesthood system of their people. Now the writer tells them the priesthood of Christ is superior. Christ's superior priesthood guarantees hope to believers and challenges them to faithfulness. The aim of this lesson is to point out why Christ's superior priesthood affects the daily life of believers.

### I. Christ, an understanding and sinless High Priest (4:14-5:3).

In 4:13 the writer described God's thorough knowledge of the human heart. He followed that description with the assurances of 4:14-16. The phrase "seeing then" (v. 14) refers to 2:10-18 where the writer hinted at his conviction that Jesus is to be regarded as the great High Priest.

By using "great" the writer asserts that Jesus is a person of high distinction and power and, therefore, greater than Aaron. Jesus' ministry also exceeds the Aaronic for it takes place not in the holy place of the tabernacle but in the presence of God Himself, for Jesus has "passed into the heavens." Because Jesus is so great a High Priest and because he is our helper, the people of Christ can depend on him for strength and aid as they remain faithful to him.

In v. 15 "infirmities" or weaknesses do not necessarily refer to sin nor should they be limited to sufferings. They cover all the frailties of human nature. While Jesus was and is the Son of God, He was at the same time man and experienced all the temptations every person faces.

The writer urges the reader to come with assurance to the "throne of grace." This throne is the throne of God where a crucified, risen, and glorified Savior sits. The Christian should come to it regularly with confidence.

### II. Christ chosen by God as High Priest (5:4-6).

The high priest did not take office of himself. He was chosen and appointed by God. This, of course, refers to the divine ideal of priesthood for history furnishes us with a number of instances of persons who acquired the office by force or fraud. Jesus was chosen and appointed by God to be the great High Priest.

### III. Christ tested by suffering (5:7-10).

During Jesus' incarnate life on earth, He had personal trials of suffering.

ing which gave him the necessary experience to be gracious and sympathetic. What greater proof of these sufferings could be given than the experience in the Garden of Gethsemane? The "prayers" of Jesus (v. 7) indicate the vehement cry of one in desperate need and "supplications" describes the appeal in need of protection or help in some particular calamity.

### IV. Warning about immaturity (5:11-6:8).

The original readers were second generation Christians. They ought to have been teachers but their low spiritual state revealed their lack of perception of "the first principles of the oracles of God" and their need of someone to teach them again the elementary truths of the revelation of God. While they should be teaching others, they wanted the ABC of the faith once again. This metaphor overflowed into the metaphor of their spiritual condition. They were immature Christians and needed the food of infants rather than adults.

The immaturity of the people addressed by the writer expressed itself in their disinclination to press on in the Christian way. Those who are "of full age" have reached an advanced stage of spiritual understanding. This condition is not gained by apathy or by slothfulness, for there is no room in the Christian life for mental laziness. There is no easy way to spiritual maturity. It is spiritually mature men, those "who by reason of use" have their senses exercised to discern good and evil, who have built up in a period of experience a principle or standard of righteousness by which they can pass discriminating judgment on moral situations as they arise.

There are varied interpretations of 6:4-6. The prevalent interpretation treats the passage as dealing with the case of a person with a Judaistic background who professed faith in Jesus as the Messiah after understanding fully the gospel. However, he was not genuinely converted because his commitment to Jesus was not genuine. He was being tempted to turn from his professed faith in Jesus and to continue his belief in Judaism. The writer does not suggest in 6:4-6 that a person can "fall from grace" or be saved and then lost again.

### V. Call to continued growth (6:9-20).

In 6:7-8 the writer uses an illustration from nature to show the unattractiveness of those who fall away and the

reasonableness of God's judgment—the impossibility of a renewed repentance. There are two pieces of ground subject to the same favorable conditions. One responds and brings forth fruit; but the other does not and remains unfruitful.

After a solemn warning the writer shows by his use of "beloved" (v. 9) that he did not intend to leave his readers in despair. He does not believe there are apostates, or even potential apostates, among them. "Beloved" is an affectionate word.

The oath referred to in 6:13-16 is found in Gen. 22:16 where the final promise of the Lord is given to Abraham. God's oath to Abraham is based upon his own great name and has the binding force of a legal guarantee. In verse 17 the writer points out God's more abundant willingness to confirm His promises. "The heirs of promise" are believers. "Immutability" is a term that describes the promise as an unchangeable fact.

The "two-immutable things" from which the strong encouragement of verse 18 is derived are the promise of God and the oath by which his promise is confirmed. Our hope is based upon God's promises and is our spiritual anchor. Hope in the New Testament expresses certainty or assurance. It does not refer to a wish as we often use the word.

## Gritz' attorneys ask dismissal of civil suit

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP) — Attorneys for former Baptist Messenger editor Jack L. Gritz have filed a petition with the Oklahoma County District Court requesting dismissal without prejudice of a \$400,000 civil suit against six Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma officers.

Gritz, editor of the Oklahoma Baptist state newspaper for 30 years, filed suit following his termination by the state convention's board of directors. He charged the six defendants, acting "in concert," made slanderous statements to obtain his dismissal as editor in September 1979.

Trial in the suit was scheduled to begin June 15, the date on which the request for dismissal was filed.

**Steadfastness should be for the will, not for the mind.** —Baltasar Gracian

Tinsley Baptist Church will observe Ruby Young Day, July 26. Ruby (Mrs. W. T.) Young, the only active charter member of the church, was 80 on July 8. The church was founded in her home some 35 years ago. A reception will be held in the church fellowship hall 2-4 p.m.



Building dedication and homecoming services were held for First Baptist Church, State Line, July 12. Roy Garrison is pastor.

## Ted Baptists to observe 70th year

Ted Church, Rt. 1, Louin, will observe its "Three Score and Ten (70th Anniversary)" on Sunday, July 26.

There will be both morning and afternoon services, with dinner served at the church during the noon hour. The service at 11 a.m. will feature a message by former pastor, O. P. Moore of Newton. The service at 1:30 p.m. will consist of historical and progress reports, singing by different groups, and testimonies.

John E. Barrow is pastor.

## Golden Gate names Grissom to faculty

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — Fred Allen Grissom has been named assistant professor of church history at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, effective Aug. 1.

Grissom is professor of religion and director of religious activities at Virginia Intermont Baptist College. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama and the University of Chicago where he earned a master of theology degree. He also earned master of divinity and doctor of philosophy degrees from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been pastor of Baptist churches in Alabama.

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GRIFFITH MEMORIAL CHURCH, JACKSON, recently held a recognition service. Seven Acteens had earned Studact awards: Queens Regent—Pam Berry, Barbara Hollifield; Queens—Mary Locke, Elaine Orman, Judy Locke, Linda Locke, Missy Bowen; Queens (GA's) Michelle Pierce, Brenda Hollifield, Felicia Harper. Mrs. Polly Hughes and Mrs. Elaine Volz, are the girls' leaders. Gary A. Knapp is pastor.



LAKELAND CHURCH NEAR MANTACHIE in Itawamba County held a recognition service for its Acteens, using the theme, "Go Ye." Acteens, left to right, are Tangie Bruff, Christi Thornton, Misty Spradling, queen; Rose Poteet, queen; Kim Wilson, and Heather Little. Their leaders are Mrs. Evelyn Higgins and Mrs. Eugenia Hood. Wayne Higgins is the pastor.

## Hare Krishnas lose in solicitation dispute

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that state fair officials may restrict religious and all other groups to booths for the distribution and sale of literature and solicitation of funds.

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Four of the nine disagreed, however, on the prohibition against distributing literature.

The decision upheld a rule by Minnesota State Fair officials which applies to all persons, groups or commercial firms. Under the regulation, individuals and groups are not prohibited from walking around the fairgrounds and communicating their views in face-to-face encounters.



with the strength we have when God keeps making more and more strength available to us.

### III. The privilege of public worship (8:4-12).

Recognizing the privilege of worship can cause us to want to enter into a prayer of petition and praise. The psalmist acknowledged God's protection as well as praying for the Davidic king who stood as a symbol of protection for the people.

The privilege of worship is greater than the other things of life. Can we really compare our other days with a day of public worship? The psalmist could find more good in one day of worship than he could in a thousand other days.

He recognized not only the protection that comes from God but also his light and life. These are some of the good things that God will not withhold from them that walk uprightly. The psalmist experienced many of these good things. We also can experience many good things in public worship.

## Carey names alumni director

William Carey College has named its first full-time alumni director. He is James O. Bloomfield, himself a Carey College graduate. He began his new job on July 1.

Prior to this time all alumni activities were coordinated through the Office of Public Relations.

According to Carey President Ralph Noonkester, the 75-year-old college now has more than 7,000 alumni.

Bloomfield is a native of Camp Dix, Ky. As a student at William Carey, he played basketball and was captain of the team his senior year. He holds Carey's all-time record for assists in an entire basketball career. He attends Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

**Bibles sold out**

Hong Kong (EP) — The entire print run of 135,000 copies of the 1910 version of the Chinese Bible has sold out in mainland China. Reuter reported from Peking recently. The Bible is published and distributed in Shanghai by the Protestant Three-Self Patriotic Movement Committee and costs five yuan (about \$3) each, Reuter said.

Every time I pass the church buildings where I worship each week my attention is drawn to their beauty. It

isn't just the windows, columns and steeple that I admire. Nor is the beauty confined to a lovely setting and architectural design. Rather it is what I have experienced on the inside of those buildings. It is people, singing and prayers, but most of all a sense of God's presence.

The psalmist had a deep inner longing to experience worship at the temple in Jerusalem. The longing was so great it was almost more than his physical being could stand. The longing for worship was exhausting but the experience of worship would be refreshing. He even marveled at the birds who could find a home and build a nest at God's altars.

This psalmist would no doubt have been uncomfortable with a worshiper who looked at his watch and longed for the worship service to be over. He would not understand someone saying the preacher preached too long or the service was boring. Rather he recognized great blessings for those who dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee" (84:4).

### II. The need for public worship (8:4-5).

The poet who penned these words may not have known the joy of frequent worship in the Temple. Therefore, it was a special privilege to journey with other worshipers to the Temple for a time of worship. Travel was no doubt difficult, but anticipation of what was ahead made the journey worth it all.

Public worship can make the difference between weakness and strength in a Christian's life (8:5). A defeated life that often accompanies the absence of prayer, Bible study, and worship is inconsistent with God's desire for the Christian. Genuine blessings come as we depend on God for our strength.

Public worship can make the difference between sorrow and joy in a Christian's life. (8:6) Hardships, difficulties and disappointments will come along the way. However, knowing God's presence now and anticipating future worship experiences can bring comfort and joy.

Public worship can make the difference between strength and more strength (8:7). A Christian can never be satisfied with the strength to crawl when God makes

the strength he needs to run. In the journey of life we don't have to be satisfied

## Uniform Lesson

### Amazing Grace

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Deuteronomy 6:16-7:11

The process of divine creation was "something from nothing" (Ex Nihilo). Subsequently God has continued to work in that fashion, for even when life has substance with which to work the quality of that "raw material" usually isn't much. This is the story of biblical redemption, for God takes that which is bad at best and makes the best of the bad.

This is the premise behind the present passage. God had taken the unrefined ingredient of a group of slaves and made of them a unified nation which worshiped the "one and only" God and followed an exemplary ethical standard. Something from almost nothing; the pattern was demonstrated once again.

No song can better express Joseph Newton's words:

"Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see."

The song as well as its substance, "grace", revolves around the thought: "I once was...but now am...." Such is the teaching of the text. For a few moments let us listen to the music of the message.

I. "Blest Be The Tie": (6:16-19)

A contract places demands upon all agreeing parties. After God had reviewed His gift giving grace in repetitive refrain (6:10-12; 20-23; etc.) He again reminded the people of their responsibility to the contracting "tie that binds." The text reveals three human obligations for holding to the covenant "tie": (1) The Providential Tie (vs. 16)—"Do not test the Lord your God" (Matthew 4:7) "as you did at Massah" (Exodus 17:1-7) The word "test" is a warning that one is not to impose demands upon God as conditions for following Him.; (2) The Personal Tie (vs. 17)—Keeping God's commands, stipulations, and decrees" gives evidence to one's personal relationship to Him (Matthew 7:21); and, (3) The Practical Tie (vs. 18-19)—Proper living always produces proper results (Galatians 6:7-10; Matthew 6:33; 1 John 3:21-22).

II. "Out Of My Bondage, Sorrow, And Night": (6:20-25)

For one hundred years William

Sleeper's words have echoed the sen-

timents of this text, especially that of verse 23, in stating:

"Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night...

Into thy freedom, gladness, and light..."

A twofold intention of God's law is revealed, for it functions not only as a rule by which to live (vs. 25), but also as a reminder of the way man once lived (vss. 20, 21). As a record of God's salvation (vs. 22) it is also a revelation of man's sin. In giving God's redemption it also gives man an obligation to be what God desired, a "holy people to the Lord" (I Peter 1:13-16). IV. "Love Lifted Me": (7:7-11)

Why was Israel God's chosen people? Was it because of the peculiar quality of the people chosen or was it due to the unique nature of the God choosing? Verses 7 and 8 explicitly answer that question. It was God's love that resulted in Israel's selection (vs. 8a) in the same way as it was God's providence that resulted in Israel's deliverance (vs. 8b). This theme of elective love continues into the New Testament (John 3:16; Romans 5:8) where the purpose of such providence is identified (John 15:16). The text concludes that the love that lifts then becomes the love that leads. Consequently, the nation (vss. 9-11) or the individual (I John 5:2-3) who is the recipient of such love also becomes the one responsible for doing what that selective love demands.

"Amazing Grace" is without question the song and substance of salvation. Those who have experienced it are to sing as ancient Israel was instructed (6:20-25):

"Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,

I have already come;

"Ths grace hath bro't me safe thus far;

And grace will lead me home."

Princeton, N.J. (EP)—Jeb Stuart Magruder, a former White House aide who served a seven-month prison term for his role in the Watergate scandal, has received a divinity degree and plans to work at a church. Magruder, 46, now a Princeton resident, was one of 247 students who were graduated from the Princeton Theological Seminary last week.

Work is what you do so that some time you won't have to do it any more.—Alfred Polgar

## Life and Work Lesson